

# Town to Waive All Animal Shelter Adoption Fees from June 21 to September 20

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**Farmingville, NY** - On June 18, the Town Board voted unanimously to waive all adoption fees at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter from June 21 to September 20. The action was taken by the Board to encourage residents to adopt a pet at the shelter, which currently houses approximately 180 dogs and 70 cats. The resolution to waive the fees was sponsored by Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner, who serves as the Town Board Liaison to the animal shelter.

"The purpose of waiving the adoption fees is to help find loving homes for the animals at the shelter, many of which have been there for a year or more," said Supervisor Romaine. "I hope that people will have it in their hearts to visit during the summer and take advantage of this opportunity to take a furry friend home to be part of their family."

Councilwoman Bonner said, "Waiving the fees is a great way to promote pet adoptions and prevent overcrowding at the shelter. All the cats and dogs are waiting to find a home and with so many to choose from, I'm sure anyone who visits will find the perfect companion and a friend forever."

Normal adoption fees range from \$5.00 for a dog that has not been neutered or spayed; \$10.00 for a dog that has been neutered or spayed; \$15.00 for a cat that has not been neutered or spayed and \$20 for a cat that has been neutered or spayed. Along with the adoption fees being waived, the Town will also waive the cost to neuter, spay or vaccinate any adopted dog or cat. The Town will also continue to issue free licenses for adopted dogs.

Those who are interested in adopting a pet should visit the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven. The center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed Wednesdays), Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 631-286-4940 or visit [www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter](http://www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter).

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